

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-30 are pending in the application. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 1-6 and 8-15 are allowed.

Claims 16-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112 and 102 for the reasons set forth on pages 2-6 of the Office Action. In view of the allowed claims, although Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections as being factually and legally erroneous, claims 16-30 have been canceled without prejudice solely for the purpose of placing the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested

Respectfully submitted,



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